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SUBJ: US SCIENTIST ON SOVIET RESEARCH SHIP

1. FONOFF FIRST EE DIV DEPDIR SATO CALLED IN EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 4 TO INFORM USG THAT REQUEST FOR SOVIET SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SHIP, VALERIAN URYVAEV, TO USE HARBOR FACILITIES SEPTEMBER 16-18 AT HAKODATE TO PERMIT UNNAMED US SCIENTIST TO DISEMBARK IS BEING DENIED. SCIENTIST HAS VALID JAPANESE VISA. SATO SAID SOVIETS USE VARIETY OF RUSES TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO ENTER JAPAN'S HARBORS. SIMILAR EXCUSE WAS ATTEMPTED BY SOVIETS LAST YEAR WITH BULGARIAN SCIENTIST AND REQUEST WAS ALSO DENIED. SATO BELIEVES SOVIETS HOPE TO SET PRECEDENT WITH AN AMERICAN, FOR WHICH GOJ WOULD PRESUMABLY BE MORE LENIENT, BUT GOJ WILL NOT BE TAKEN IN BY THIS TRICK. GOJ SEEKS TO LIMIT ENTRY OF SUCH SHIPS TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. SATO COMMENTED FINALLY THAT HE REGRETTE THE INCONVENIENCE TO THE SCIENTIST BUT HOPED HE WOULD IN FUTURE RESORT TO MORE CONVENTIONAL MEANS OF ENTERING JAPAN. EMBOFF EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR GOJ POSITION.

2. VALERIAN URYVAEV WEIGHTS 1128 TONS, IS 54.7 METERS LONG, HAS CREW OF 27 PERSONS AND RESEARCH STAFF OF 14. SATO SAID SHIP WAS CATEGORIZED AS CLASS TWO ON BLACKLIST. URYVAEV ENTERED TOKYO HARBOR PREVIOUSLY AND HAS BEEN IN AREA OF JAPAN FOR SOME TIME ALTHOUGH SATO SAID GOJ WAS UNABLE TO CLOSELY MONITOR ITS MOVEMENTS. HODGSON

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